

A FORTUNE AT CARDS.

IT WAS WON BY JOHN BOYD, THE GENTLEMAN GAMBLER.

The Whirlwind of White, the Gambler, in the last century, bounded the planet, though unknown, he was the man of the most famous Methods.

Of all the gentlemen gamblers of the close of the eighteenth century in England a gambler is known. He is the man himself and the singularities of his singularities. This was John Boyd, who was gambling as a postulant, round up his cards at a military general. On the subject of the campaign in conducted history is silent, but contemporary London was full of talk of his numerous luck with dice and cards, and the moral miseries of his later life gave more material for the gossip.

Writing to Richard Bradley, from Arlington street, on Feb. 26, 1755, Horace Walpole says:

"The great event is the catastrophe of Sir John Boyd, who has flushed away his whole fortune at hazard. He lost nearly all what he had, having at one period of the night (though he recovered the greatest part of it) lost \$22,000. The citizens pay on their debts incurred sums, and tribute to St. James street in expectation of seeing judgment on White's — wings, with blushing cheeks, like the prints in Caffier's beauties. Sir John lost this immense sum to a Captain Scott, who at present has nothing but a few debts and his commission."

Sir John Bland, to conclude here the history of that luckless dice, shot himself dead after losing the last of his fortune in Riga-pool.

Captain John Scott was of that branch of the numerous Scott family of which Sir Walter was a member, and his ancestor in the thirteenth century was that famous chemist, Michael Scott, who won the name of Wizard. A have Scott distinguished himself in the time of Charles II by marrying, when he was himself only 14 years old, a lady who was three years his junior. The bride was Mary, countess of Buccleuch, in her own right the eldest Baron in Scotland. The marriage was a secret one, and none of the friends and few of her family were informed of it until the day after. The youthful bridegroom did not profit greatly by this mate, for his bride died at 12. Her sister Anne, who succeeded to her titles and estates, made a marriage with the son of Charles II, Monmouth, and had a numerous family.

It was 60 years later, or about 1719, that young John Scott, son of the Laird of Scott's Turret, entered King George's army. Two years later he was in London and in the midst of the most reckless set of swindlers, cheaters and gamblers that English society has ever known. Sir John Bland was only one of a thousand rich young Englishmen who threw away his fortune over the gaming-table at White's. The one historic loss of that era was Charles James Fox, Pitt's rival. Fox gambled away, all told, no less than \$3,000,000. Scott was the very antipode of Fox. When he died, at a ripe old age, he left a fortune no great sum with which Fox had begun, and every penny of it had been won at the gaming-table. Fox was a ripe scholar. Scott was almost illiterate. Fox said that losing was the next greatest pleasure to winning. Scott never lost, or so rarely that it did not affect the results of his career as a wizard. Fox would go home in the morning after a night in which he had gambled away \$10,000 or \$20,000 and immediately lose himself in a study of Sepheroth or Roslyn. Scott, like the sensible fellow he was, would button his coat over the portmanteau in which he carried away winnings of an equal or even greater amount and immediately go to bed so as to be fresh for play in the evening.

When Scott found himself in London, and amid the wild young men of his era, he determined that gambling was his only chance of getting money. When he engaged himself to throw a series of matches with Sir John Bland, he had, as Horace Walpole puts it, nothing "but a few debts and his commission." His shrewdness taught him that there was nothing in "giving" at which a simple man has as good a chance as a brilliant one, and so he openly gave up hazard and applied himself to what, at which game heaven fights on the side of the skillful player. Hence in the history of play did men gamble for such high stakes as Scott and his victims did at White's between 1755 and 1760. Scott's system was an exceedingly simple one. He gave himself the best of it in every possible way. He never went to the gaming-table unless his head and his stomach were in the very best order. He never lost his composure or his good nature for an instant. He played a perfectly fair and honorable game, and at first he made it a rule never to play for more than a fixed sum, which he could afford to lose. He won so steadily that it wasn't long before he was prepared to risk any sum which even the wealthiest of the most reckless of his adversaries would venture to propose.

A story which illustrates capitally Scott's persistence in the face of hard luck has been preserved. One night, while he was at the card-table, news was brought to him that his wife, the first Mrs. Scott, had given birth to a girl.

"Ah," he said, "I shall have to double my stakes to make a fortune for this young lady."

But in a few hours he was \$2,000 to his bank. Realizing his inevitable misfortune, he sold his wagers of his last remaining, and at 3 A.M. he went home the winner of \$15,000. That's the sort of play that went on at White's night after night during the years that John Boyd was winning the largest fortunes.

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